

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 410

By Stewart

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Paul Lawson Prater,  
2009 Valedictorian of Warren County High  
School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Paul Lawson Prater is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class at Warren County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Paul has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, he has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average and has demonstrated outstanding leadership through his involvement in a variety of extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, a leader among his peers, Mr. Prater has been a member of the basketball team, the Excel Club, and the National Honor Society; he also served as President of the Excel Club and worked as a Chemistry peer tutor and lab assistant; and

WHEREAS, equally involved in his community, he is an active member of the Central Church of Christ youth group; a volunteer with Relay for Life, Kids of the Community, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics for Special Needs Students, and the Rescue Squad Toy Drive; and an after-school tutor and activity planner for elementary school students; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades and awards for his many achievements, Paul has been the honored recipient of a Mathematics Award, the United States Army Reserve National Scholar and Athlete Award, was selected as a delegate for Volunteer Boys' State, was voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by his graduating class, was named a United States Achievement

Academy All-American Scholar and Student of Excellence, and is listed in *Who's Who Honor Roll* and *Who's Who in Leadership*; and

WHEREAS, Paul Prater's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Kevin and Suzanne Prater, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Paul's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2009 Warren County High School Valedictorian, Paul Lawson Prater, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.